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"Hooves, Wheels, & Rails: Sustainable Transit in Colorado" Art Show Opens in Denver's Union Station

More Than 15 Local Artists' Work in Exhibition to be Auctioned Off for Charity

What: Denver's Union Station will get an artistic twist with a public art show and auction entitled, "Hooves, Wheels, & Rails: Sustainable Transit in Colorado." Numerous local artists' reflections on public transit and sustainable urban environments will be exhibited and most of the pieces will be auctioned off during a concurrent silent auction. Proceeds from the event will be donated to Transit Alliance, a local non-profit which works to preserve the economic vitality, quality of life and environment of the Denver Metropolitan region by promoting public transit as part of a balanced, multi-modal transportation network. The event is free and the public is encouraged to view the art and place their bid on a favorite piece. This unique project is one of two dozen initiatives nationwide being highlighted this summer by the cross-country Udall Legacy Biodiesel Bus Tour. The tour is highlighting communities and young people nationwide finding solutions to America's pressing environmental and Native American issues. The carbon neutral tour is traveling in a motor coach which uses a blend of 20% biodiesel and 80% ultra low sulfur diesel and is the first motor coach approved by the University of Vermont's "Green Coach Certification" program.

Where: Union Station, Main Floor - 1701 Wynkoop Street, Denver, CO

When: Friday, July 13th: 3:00 - 6:00pm

Who: More than 15 local artists; Transit Alliance; 13 college-age riders from the national Udall Legacy Bus Tour promoting public service on environmental and Native American issues. The tour has been organized by the Morris K. Udall Foundation, an independent federal agency that awards the premier merit-based scholarships, fellowships and internships for studies related to the environment and Native American policy in the United States.

Why: "Hooves, Wheels, & Rails," which has been organized by Crystal Olin (Udall Scholar 2005, CU Boulder Class of 2006), will provide local artists and community members a space to show their support for sustainability and livability in Colorado. "At a time when the news about the environment emphasizes the problems only, we felt that this bus tour could tell a different story – a story about the positive solutions being found by our young Udall alumni, cities, tribal communities and others," said Chris Helms, executive director of the Udall Foundation.

Visuals: More than 15 pieces of artwork addressing the idea of sustainable transportation in Colorado.

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More information on the bus tour and the Foundation is available at www.udall.gov
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